

## GREAT GATHERING OF SCIENTISTS.

Educational Societies to Meet  
at Columbia University  
Christmas Week.

## SEVERAL ART LECTURES.

Scholars from All Sections of  
the Country Are to At-  
tend Meetings.

During Christmas week Columbia University will be the scene of many meetings of various educational societies of the country.

The American Chemical Society, the American Society of Naturalists, the Geological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Mathematical Society will all meet at the University.

These meetings will be held under the auspices of the respective departments of the University, which control the researches, in this vicinity, into these arts and sciences.

The American Society of Naturalists will meet at the University on December 28 and 29. The officers of the society for the ensuing year are: President, Professor H. P. Bowditch, Harvard Medical School; vice-presidents, Professors William James, Harvard University, S. H. Gage, Cornell University, and H. S. Williams, Yale University; secretary, Professor H. C. Bumpus, Brown University; treasurer, Professor John E. Smith, Rutgers College.

On Wednesday, the 28th, President Morris K. Jesup, of the American Museum of Natural History, will welcome the society at the American Museum, in Eighty-first street.

Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn will deliver a lecture on "Collections of Fossil Mammals and their Care." This lecture will be followed by a reception at the house of Professor Osborn, No. 550 Madison avenue.

On Thursday the society will be held a luncheon at the university restaurant at Columbia. The regular business meeting will be held later in Schermerhorn Hall.

The general subject, "Advances in Methods of Teaching," will be discussed in certain fields by the following men: "Zoology," Professor E. G. Conklin, University of Pennsylvania; "Botany," Professor C. S. Herington, Columbia University; "Physiology," Professor W. T. Porter, Harvard Medical School; "Psychology," Professor Hugo Münsterberg, Harvard College; "Anthropology," Dr. Franz Boas, Columbia University; and "Botany," Professor W. G. Gamble. In the evening another business meeting will be held at the Hotel Savoy, followed by the annual dinner and an address by President Bowditch.

## Papers on Many Topics.

The American Mathematical Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, December 28, in Fayerweather Hall, President Professor Simon Newcomb, of Washington, will preside. The following papers will be read: "Multiple Resonance," by Professor M. I. Pupin, Columbia University; "On Transformation of Straight Lines into Spheres," Professor E. O. Lovett, Princeton University; "On a Certain Partial Differential Equation," Professor J. W. D. Loomis, Cornell University; "On the Problem of the Equivocal Anomalous," Dr. A. S. Chessin, formerly of Johns Hopkins University; "On Some Points of the Theory of Functions," Dr. Chessin; "On the Memoir of the Substitution Groups Whose Degree is Less Than Nine," Dr. G. A. Wallard, Cornell University; "On Solution of Pell's Equation," Dr. G. A. Wallard; "A Generalization of Appell's Factorial Functions," Dr. J. J. Wilczynski, University of California.

The societies while at Columbia University will be under the direction of the following men: American Mathematical Society, Professor Cole; Geological Society, Professor Kemp; Chemical Society, Mr. Gantt; American Society of Naturalists, Professor Dean; Society of Biblical Literature, Professor Gotthold.

## PENNY-IN-THE-SLOT BANKS.

Novel Scheme for Saving Old Coppers to Be Tried in London.

Early next year the man who has a penny to put by for a rainy day will not find it necessary either to save up a shilling or to walk round to the penny bank.

He will be able to drop it into a slot machine on the sidewalk, or at a railway station, and then, by working a lever, he will be provided with a deposit receipt, upon any number of which he may realize at his convenience.

Alfred A. Paulding, the promoter of the penny-in-the-slot bank, told a Mail representative yesterday all about his interesting scheme.

"I am convinced," he said, "that there are thousands of people in London alone who would gladly save a little if they only had a convenient means of putting their old coppers into secure and profitable keeping. At present, when one considers how small the percentage of Londoners who comparatively few people think of taking their pennies along to the bank, while the number of those who hoard their pennies until they have saved sufficient to constitute a savings bank deposit is also very small."

Now, what I propose to do is to establish in London at the beginning of the next year a thousand boxes or banks for the reception of pennies. These boxes will be placed in the streets, at the railway stations and in factories and schools. The man, woman or child who has a penny to spare and wishes to save it will drop the coin through a slot, move a lever and take the receipt, which will be presented at the bottom of the apparatus.

"These receipts," Mr. Paulding, taken round to the penny-in-the-slot bank left on deposit, or, of course, they may be realized upon any time. The bank will pay 2½ per cent interest, and the scheme of working will be the same as in other banking institutions."

"We are making elaborate preparations," continued Mr. Paulding, "to meet the enterprise of the bogus coin depositor, and by the time the boxes are out we shall be quite ready for him."

"The boxes or banks will be so constructed that the pennies will fall into a perpendicular tube. As the coin falls it will be in a position to land out by counting from the bottom just how many pennies had been dropped before the supply of coin arrived. Then, as the receipts will be numbered successively, we shall, having by us the number of the box and the date of the deposit, be in a position to interview the holder of the receipt when he or she puts in an appearance at the bank."

"If the penny bank proves profitable it will be followed by sixpenny and shilling machines. Meanwhile a company is being formed to carry the scheme into execution."—London Mail.

**Embarrassed.**  
"Men are such horrid, inconsiderate creatures," she exclaimed on her way home from the theatre. "You know I couldn't take this hat off without running the risk of spoiling it."

"Well, nobody said anything."

"No; but actions speak louder than words. And every time I glanced around, I saw a man behind me was earning his neck and collar by looking as uncomfortable as he possibly could!"—Washington Star.

**Rather Effective.**  
Old Gentleman (dictating an indignant letter): "Sir: My stenographer, being a lady, cannot take down what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot think of her; but you, being neither, can easily guess my thoughts."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## JOY IN A NEW YORK HOME

Awful Suffering of Three Little  
Children from Torturing,  
Disfiguring Humors.

## MRS. RING'S PATHETIC STORY.

A Happy Ending of Months of  
Terrible Anxiety.

## CUTICURA WORKS THE MIRACLE.

Every one on that part of East Thirtieth street near the river knows young Mrs. Ring, who resides at No. 515. She has lived on the same block for seven years, and that is equivalent to belonging to the early settlers in a country village. When she goes out to do her marketing or her shopping or to take her children for an airing she is stopped twenty times before she reaches the corner for a word of neighborly greeting or gossip. Half the residents recall her as a slip of a girl, before she married Mr. Ring, four or five years ago, and every one takes an intimate interest in all her joys and her sorrows.

The first great joy that they were called upon to sympathize with was when her good mother, an energetic woman from Austria, who had trained her in all sorts of good housewifely ways, announced that "Annie was going to be married."

By and by, about three years ago, came the next great joy. Annie Ring's first baby was born—a baby for any young mother to be proud of—sturdy, pretty and bright as a new dollar. The grandmother doted on him; the married sisters, with children of their own, admired his perfection; the neighborhood felt a proprietary interest in him and Mrs. Ring's heart was full of happiness. Her husband bought a spick and span rattan carriage, and in it on bright afternoons the fond mother would wheel the boy over to his grandmother's, around to his aunts', and up and down the street, attended by a zealous cohort of admiring children, at whom little Joe cooed and smiled.

Joe was not a big boy when the second boy came. He was another sturdy little fellow, and Annie Ring was prouder and happier than ever when she wheeled her Joe and her Jackie about, both in one carriage. But one morning, when the second boy was about seven months old, his mother noticed a rash upon his round little cheek. She was greatly alarmed. She hurried him over to his grandmother's. The grandmother smiled at the young woman's anxiety.

"It is nothing at all. He will be cutting teeth soon, and babies often have a rash when they begin to teethe. You were lucky that Joe didn't."

The young mother was a little quieted by this. All her married sisters and all the wise old ladies in the vicinity repeated it to her. She told her husband, and they smiled at the baby when he cried because of the sting in his cheeks. They waited for the teeth. But the teeth were slow in coming and the rash spread and spread. The story of the next fifteen months Mrs. Ring herself tells best.

"Pretty soon," she says, "we saw that the rash was not simply teething that was the matter with Jackie. His whole body was covered with the rash. There was not a spot of smooth, white skin anywhere on him, except the creases in the front of his elbows. He screamed all the time with pain. He scratched himself until he was all one bleeding mass. At night when he would go to sleep out of pure exhaustion from having cried himself tired he would still try in his sleep to allay the awful itching by scratching his face, scratching his skin. The neighbors told me to tie his little hands together, so that he could not injure himself as he did. I would tie them with bands of linen, and in the morning he would simply have clawed them off and would be a mass of sores and pain again. We had doctor after doctor. Some came here and treated him. Sometimes we tried the dispensaries. But no matter what we did or where we went or who treated him, my little boy grew worse. He was awful to look at. I could not bear to take him out. People would stare at him as if he was a monkey or they would shudder at him. It was awfully hard for me. In the midst of it all, when he was a little more than a year old, my first boy, Joe, was taken down with the rash, and my third baby was born. What with the baby and the sick boys I thought I should go crazy. For fifteen months, until Jackie was twenty-two months old, he continued to suffer in that way. The best doctors in the best hospitals did him no good, and they all advised different treatment, until I was nearly distracted. Finally we heard of Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment and decided to try them. A warm bath with Cuticura Soap at a single application of Cuticura Ointment brought immediate relief, and I give you my word that after fourteen days' treatment with Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment the boy was cured. Jackie, come here."

The reporter who had visited Mrs. Ring to learn the true story of the remarkable cure looked at the little boy, who came at his mother's call. He was the sturdiest, plumpest, rosiest example of a four-year-old that could possibly be imagined. His skin was firm and fine and ruddy as a country boy's. His hazel eyes—merry reproaches of his mother's—shone with health and vigor.

Jackie's brother Joe and the still later addition to the Ring family—a dainty maiden, Olga by name—are both Cuticura children. The boy's attack of eczema and a lighter attack of the girl's, such as frequently assail children, have been banished speedily by its use. Mrs. Ring, her eyes bright with gratitude, declares that the one thing she will never again be without is the Cuticura remedies.

"The entire neighborhood," she says, "knows that I am a firm believer in them and most of the neighbors have been converted to them by seeing with their own eyes the cures they have worked in my family. I would never be without them again. It is the simple truth that if I had no more money I should buy Cuticura with my last cent. My little Olga's eyes were inflamed the other morning. I took her to an eye dispensary and got a wash for her. But they grew no better. I made up my mind to try the Cuticura. I did it—and the child's eyes were cured at once."

Certainly there was no suggestion of inflammation in the eyes Olga raised to the reporter. They were clear and limpid and looked out confidently from lids void of the slightest mark or scar.

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